(c) whether there is any vacancy of the Member of the Board which has not been filled up so far; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present composition of the Board of Directors of LIC is as under:—

1. Chairman, LIC
2. Managing Director
3. Managing Director
4. Special Secretary (Insurance), Ministry of Finance—Government Nominee
5. Chairman, Industrial Development Bank of India
6. Chairman, Unit Trust of India
7. Chairman, General Insurance Corporation of India; and

8-14 Non-Official Directors—*Vacant.*

(b) There are three Functional Directors, four Ex-officio Nominee Directors and seven Non-Official Directors.

(c) (i) Chairman, LIC

(ii) Seven vacancies of Non-Official Directors.

(d) The reasons for vacancies of Directors on the Board are retirement of Functional and Nominee Directors and for completion of procedural formalities for Non-Official Directors.

Agencies to SC/ST for booking Indian Airlines tickets

3143. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have promised to ensure reservation to SC & ST candidates even in the allotment of Indian Airlines agencies for distribution of tickets;

(b) if so, what is the number of SC/ST who have allotted Indian Airlines agencies during the financial year 1991-92; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The agents of Indian Airlines may either be firm or individuals. In metropolitan cities only agents who hold IATA approval are appointed. In other places also, with a view to ensuring a better standard of service to passengers, Indian Airlines has fixed some minimum requirements or its agents, like adequate experience, infrastructure, financial background and bank guarantees. SC/ST applicants who fulfil these requirements are also considered for appointment.

Induction of Boeing aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines

3144. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going for induction of new Boeing aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines fleet;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) what is duration of flying hours of each aircraft;

(d) whether Government are undergoing negotiation with other aircraft manufacturing company other than Boeing company; and

(e) what aircraft is comparatively more economical and convenient for Indian Air companies and the reasons therefor?